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This is the video called a Combergus video, which is a close-up of a craft.

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The Pentagon now confirms the existence of a secretive UFO program investigating reports of unidentified flying objects.

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I remember when I woke up the day it came out, it was a bombshell, right? That's what it was.

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This is it. This is when the government, the military, is going to come out and reveal the truth behind what these UFOs are.

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I believe, as do the other folks that were on the flight, that it was something not from this world.

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The question, do you believe in UFOs, really doesn't make any sense. There's no issue of belief there.

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How is our aliens?

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Look, they're stopping.

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Literally what the actual f*** is going on.

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You have people experiencing something that they don't quite understand.

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My God!

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It's a new thing!

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When this whole thing started, I tried to tell people about it.

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I was really frustrated because no one seemed to care.

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This thing almost killed me, man.

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The UFO world is just crazy. Everybody has their own turf.

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I chose to move to Las Vegas on a coin flip.

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Just flat out luck that I happened to be in the right place at the right time and got to meet the right people.

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Investigators say they're having a tough time identifying the four people killed in a plane crash in Arizona today because there isn't much left to ID.

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I've done thousands and thousands of stories.

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In Mississippi, a man says he's killed at least 60 other people and wants to be given the death penalty.

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I've won two Peabodies.

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George Dab has a story for us.

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Residents of the exclusive Sienna Village Golf Course Community have got to be shaking their heads in disbelief right about now because of a prostitution ring that has allegedly been operating right under their noses.

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But I will always be the UFO guy.

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In some cases, it does appear that various government officials have withheld information about UFOs from the public.

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Wherever I go, I'm in a grocery store, I'm in a restaurant, I'm in a bar, I'm standing at a urinal.

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People want to come up and talk to me about UFOs.

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These days, the locals use these old airstrips to race dragsters at the old hangars as an industrial park.

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But 42 years ago, this is where it all began, the birthplace of what some have called the Cosmic Water Game.

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A key player in this entire story is a journalist by the name of George Dab.

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His name now is really connected to the ATIP story.

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We've been working on this story for a long time and we'll tell you right up front that it's going to be hard to swallow at first.

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George has contributed immensely to the UFO field for quite a few years.

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That's because George is able to gain access to reports, sometimes official documents and key players.

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You know, George, I'll have to look at this. I have heard about this exact story.

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I will tell you this, 95% of it is bullshit, but the other 5% is really interesting.

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And if it's true, it would be the biggest story of all time. If it is true, if even a little bit of it is true, it's gigantic.

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The implications are enormous for everyone.

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The Air Force has said time and time again, all but a small percentage of these reports of unidentified flying objects have been definitely attributed to natural phenomena that are neither mysterious nor dire and close.

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The top Air Force intelligence men and scientists under contract sent a secret document to the commanding general of the Air Force saying that whatever these things were, they were real.

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And they have been spending a lot of money investigating flying saucers. If they don't exist, why the money? Why did the intelligence teams rush out every time there's a sighting?

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There's a white glowing object in the sky. It might have been a spaceship. It might not have been. I would say since it did appear to approach us, it might have been.

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It was the strangest thing I've ever seen. By far the strangest I've ever seen in a few years of reporting.

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I just saw the round front and I could see the light on either side. And then the red light was sort of casting a glow over the whole thing so it looked like a round disk.

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I wasn't afraid. I just wanted to stay there and keep my eyes glued to it. I couldn't believe it.

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And then it seemed to just go together and make a ball and fly out into that field and it was a great big huge yellow glow out there.

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Some coffee? Coffee please?

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You started out as a cab driver, is that right?

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I was a debate coach in the Bay Area and I met these bartenders from Las Vegas and they were the craziest people I'd ever met.

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They told me, you know, we know a guy in television in Las Vegas. You should go there. You can break into television. That was 1979.

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I drove a cab for a couple of months and I was terrible on it.

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All I knew was where the airport was, I knew where the strip was.

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I had no idea about the Nevada nuclear test site or the secret programs that were out there. I certainly had no idea there was a place called Area 51.

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I look at it and I realized and I was cocky at the time, what this field needs is a good investigative reporter.

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I'll have this wrapped up in like six months.

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Have UFOs been given a fair shake by science, journalism and the government?

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George Knapp joins us now with part one of the cover story series UFOs, The Best Evidence.

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I've banged away at this story for decades.

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There is now a sagging amount of information on this subject collected not by crackpots, but by respected mainstream level headed people.

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We stopped at Edwards Air Force Base to record video for a future project.

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Edwards has a distinct relationship with its more mysterious cousin in Nevada, Area 51.

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And then bam, The New York Times does the story. It changed everything.

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A recent report by The New York Times unveiled the existence of a real life X-Files department.

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Now the Pentagon tells us the program received more than \$20 million for its work,

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which included analyzing reports from military pilots of encounters with unknown objects that appear to defy the laws of physics.

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A couple of weeks before the story came out, I had heard it was going to happen.

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And of course, by that point, I'd been sitting on some of this information for a number of years.

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I go, well, why can't I break the story? I've been sitting on this. I've been, you know, I've kept my word. I want to do it.

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So I got a call from Perry Reed.

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He gently sort of let me know, you know, you're not The New York Times.

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There is a secret UFO program inside the Department of Defense on the front page of The New York Times.

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The New York Times is not pro UFO. This is not something they like to cover on a regular basis.

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If I do the story, it's just the UFO reporter doing the story.

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It would fall with a thud and nobody would pay attention to it. So I backed off. Yeah, go ahead.

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We're still feeling the reverberations.

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There's now a report that will be issued by the Pentagon, by the Secretary of Defense and the Director of National Intelligence.

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I actually wanted to get this information out and declassified before I left office.

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But when that information becomes declassified, I'll be able to talk a little bit more about that.

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The Department of Defense has been studying UFOs since 2007. That's what the story was.

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The actual article was really based on things I learned from the director of the program and interviews that we did with other players involved with ATIP.

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The Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program.

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I'm aware that the organization was up and running. I didn't know what the program was called.

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I had never heard the name ATIP and I didn't know who Lou Elizondo was. I knew there was somebody who was working on this stuff.

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Mr. Luis Elizondo talked about running a program that dealt with unidentified aerial phenomena or UFOs.

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The Pentagon was interested in it. They were investigating it and he was the guy that led it.

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According to Mr. Luis Elizondo, ATIP looked at videos.

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When a military pilot saw something they couldn't explain, ATIP was going to come aboard and try and figure it out.

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It was originally instigated by the Defense Intelligence Agency and Harry Reid, the senator from Nevada, was very instrumental in setting it up.

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Okay, you guys ready?

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Yep, rolling.

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When I was asked by a reporter from the New York Times, I said, I'm happy to do an interview with you.

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I want some ground rules. We're not going to be talking about a little green man.

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I will only talk about scientific issues and I recognize that what I got started here was kind of taking a chance, but I think it's paid off.

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The remarkable admission by the Pentagon came as a result of reporting by the New York Times. Pretty august publication.

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This is not birds. It's not somebody else's plane. It's picked up on radar. It's real.

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Can you imagine the steps they had to go through to sell that story to the editors about UFOs?

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Tough sell.

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I don't think most people realize what's involved in putting together a story like this.

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This was one of the most exciting things that had come out in a long time.

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The entire basis of all of my research up until that point was proving that the U.S. military did have an interest in UFOs.

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And this man and what he did was that smoking gun.

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For nearly the last decade, I ran a sensitive aerospace threat identification program focusing on unidentified aerial technologies.

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It was in this position I learned that the phenomenon is indeed real.

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I was shown three videos that had come from the Department of Defense and also the documents that showed that the videos were legitimate.

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I never said this before in public, but this report, the executive summary of the TIC-TAC incident, started at the Navy.

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There was an initial investigation after the incident itself back in 2004.

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The commander of that carrier strike force, that carrier group, didn't want to delay going to the Persian Gulf.

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So whatever information was gathered back then got tossed into a drawer and closed and it was going to be forgotten.

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And then a couple years later, some people in the Navy renewed the investigation.

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It bounced around inside the Pentagon and the intelligence community and then ended up at ATEM.

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How is it that you feel that talking about this is serving your country?

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I've been gravely concerned about what happened for me.

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I guess 15 years ago this week, 2004.

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And when it first happened, I was trying to tell people, you know, my chain of command and others, but no one seemed to really believe me.

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And it really, really bugged me and it started manifesting in the nightmares.

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And I didn't know what the hell it would do, you know.

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I wasn't really prepared for that day.

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Our command on USS Princeton, we were the air defense commander for the Nimitz strike group.

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Anything that flies, as soon as I gain it on radar, I'm actively trying to figure out what it is.

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Is it high and fast? Is it low and slow? Is it on a commercial air route?

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We put all these little pieces of the puzzle together to come up with an identification.

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In 2004, we were off the coast of California doing a standard training cycle.

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And I noticed these really strange tracks off the coast of Catalina.

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Those things were up at 28,000 feet. They were kind of in a loose group and they were all tracking down 100 knots, 28,000 feet towards the south, really, really slow.

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Usually something that high going that slow is going to fall out of the sky.

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You can't create enough lift to stay airborne. So I knew there were something anomalous.

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I was up in the CIC in Combat Information Center and I was standing in a position on a watch called Anti-Airworth Air Coordinator, A-A-W-C.

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And that position is the guy that actually presses the button to shoot a missile if you have to.

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You know all of our systems are automated but they're not automatic.

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So it's a person like myself that has to take all the pieces of information and actually use my brain and tell everyone else what the identification is.

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Man, I'm telling you. It's probably the only air contact that I've ever detected and tracked on Spy Radar that I was never able to identify.

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And I still want to make that identification. That's why I'm here today.

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I know it's been several years and it's a difficult topic.

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I think it's difficult for some of the guys but I've never had a problem talking about it. I can only tell you what I know.

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So 13 years after this took place it was published on the front pages of the New York Times.

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Ironically, I didn't even see any of that. I didn't see the New York Times. I didn't know anything about it.

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Then out of the blue I got a message from Kevin telling me that one of our shipmates had come out to talk about the event.

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He didn't even have to say what event. He already knew. The event event?

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I kind of went, now I'm like, people are actually going to believe us now.

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I was on USS Princeton CG-59. It's a guided missile cruiser.

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I was a computer technician so I handled all the main frames, data recording.

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All the systems run off of my system.

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We were seeing flying objects that we were tracking on the radar which is why we call them tracks.

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And they were just flying due south at 100 knots on and off for seven days.

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They just appear, disappear.

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After the third day I got an idea that it might be close enough to just barely see it through these big huge binoculars attached to the side of the ship.

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They're called big eyes.

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It was basically just a dock in the horizon at the right bearing and the right altitude.

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And I was just waiting to see if it moved or did anything and sure enough it did.

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At a certain point it moved over to the side and then just gone.

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I became concerned. So Cap comes down to combat and says, hey sir, we've been tracking these things for a few days now.

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And I strongly recommend that we get an aircraft to launch and intercept it.

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And none of us were prepared for what happened when that happened.

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This was not the usual New York Times story.

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What does that mean?

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All along the UFO debate has been whether these things are real or not.

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I'm not sure.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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I don't know.

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The New York Times story about the UFO debate has been whether these things are real or not real.

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In other words, are they a figment of the imagination?

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Are they some psychological phenomenon that has no physical reality?

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And what was most interesting in the reporting that Leslie and I and Helene did for the New York Times

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was that the most highly trained observers that exist, Navy pilots,

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the government spends millions of dollars training them.

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They're not mentally deficient.

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They're not physical aberrations.

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These people are trusted with the most powerful weapons in our arsenal.

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They've seen them with their eyes.

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Both airplanes see a disturbance in the water and a white 40-foot-long, tic-tac-shaped object.

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The controller starts talking to us.

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He says, hey, sir, we've seen these objects.

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We need you to go investigate. We want to know what these are.

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So they got to a point where they say, hey, merge plot.

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He gets into the merge plot position, which is basically two objects in the same vertical piece of sky.

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A two-dimensional display now looks like one object.

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As we're looking around, we look to the right and we see white water.

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What we see is this white, tic-tac-looking object just above the surface of the water,

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pointing north-south, and it's going north-south east-west.

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It's just radically moving forward, back, left, right at will.

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I go, dude, do you see that? What is that thing?

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We're looking down at this thing and I said, I'm going to go check it out.

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So I start driving around just in a nice, easy descent.

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As I'm coming down, the tic-tac starts coming up.

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I'm like, well, this is getting interesting.

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All of a sudden we hear on the radio, oh my god, oh my god, I'm engaged, I'm engaged.

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And whatever that object was, the thing seemed to recognize him.

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It actually got in a dog fight with him.

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The target started moving left and right at very jagged angles,

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and then it would disappear off the screen and come back onto the screen.

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It's kind of starting to cross my nose and it starts to accelerate,

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and within less than a second, it crosses right in front of me.

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It just goes poof and it's gone.

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I can tell you the reaction on the ship was total befuddlement.

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Total bebop, but we didn't know what to think.

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What flies like that? Nothing I'd ever seen. Not even close.

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After that happened, my mind changed a little bit.

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I decided, yeah, these are probably UFOs that I'd always heard about

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and identified flying objects.

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I went up to a machine that's called the RD-390,

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and it records all of our external communications onto an optical disc.

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Just in case something like this happens,

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an investigator can go back, play it back, and figure out what the hell happened, right?

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Well, I went back up to combat, and all the comms were gone.

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And I could tell by looking at the lead technician, I'm not going to say what his name is,

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because I'm hoping it'll still come out.

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I could tell by looking at him that he knew what had happened, but he couldn't tell me.

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The whole thing kind of got swept under the carpet pretty quickly

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by the strike group commander, and even by my own captain,

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which kind of pissed me off, actually.

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We were completely defenseless against these things.

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All that data gets reported down in my computer room on optical discs.

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The helicopter landed. Two people got out, and 20 minutes later,

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I was asked to get all the tapes, get them all, everything in the computer room that had anything on it.

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And so I had to bring all the tapes down there, and those guys were in there.

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The civilian clothes, you know, no men in black or any weird things like that,

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but nondescript civilian clothes, just like me and you were wearing now.

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All of those discs were taken. That was given to my chain of command

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and then given to somebody that brought them off ship.

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This is all supposed to keep secret. None of this material was being made public.

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The problem that's been since the beginning is this is my information, and you can't have it.

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And the people who have it consider it to be theirs, and don't want to share it.

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Not with the Air Force, not with the Navy, not with the CIA, it's theirs.

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And it's sort of for the purpose of plausible deniability.

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If they didn't want it out, they wouldn't have released it.

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It took a number of years, but somebody in the Navy made it possible.

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Well, after the December 2017 story, which was a bombshell, we continued working on it.

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It took us a year and a half to come up with a good follow-up.

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And the other story we came up with was that in 2015, the Roosevelt had encounters between Navy pilots and UFOs,

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which incidentally, Helene, our partner, she was actually embedded on the Theater Roosevelt for a story on its mission in the Gulf.

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The incidences at the Roosevelt, there were lots of sightings of these very strange, kind of smallish objects of different types.

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And a lot of them were picked up on radar.

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Hey, hey, hey!

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They were different. They weren't like these tic-tacs that were buzzing around, but they could pick them up just for long periods of time.

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That's not how that stuff is. That's not how they're gonna understand.

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But if there's a good thing, it's rotate.

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We had two pilots that went on the record. We spoke to five others who would not put their names on the record.

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Again, they're all afraid to talk about it publicly, and it was very difficult to even get two to talk to us.

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The Navy says it still doesn't know what the objects are, and officials are in speculating.

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A Navy spokesman simply confirming to CNN the objects seen in the various clips are unidentified aerial phenomena, or UAPs.

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The conversation has finally moved, folks, from the fringe. So congratulations, you succeeded.

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For some folks, the article that came out in the New York Times is the very first time they've ever actually even considered this topic.

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After the New York Times story comes out, we start producing stories about ATIN, the program that Lou Elizondo worked for.

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I traveled to Washington to meet with Senator Reid. It was like a secret agent thing. I changed hotels. I changed cabs.

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Because I knew that Senator Reid was very sensitive. I was just trying to be cautious.

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George and I have been interested in this for a long time, and for decades we've shared information.

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He was going to help me understand the bigger picture on this. So I had the meeting, Senator Reid, and I had a general idea about ATIN.

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I didn't know that there had been another program that had started out as something else that had been OSAP.

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And I was shown the contract for the creation of OSAP, the Advanced Aerospace Weapons Systems Application Program.

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That was the name of the program that was created by the DIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency.

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It was dark money, black money. Even members of Congress don't know it's there because there would have been such criticism.

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Why are they studying flying saucers? We wanted to make sure that it was put out to bid, and it was.

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They let out a contract. BASS is the company that got contract. 22 million dollars is given to BASS, Bigelow Advanced Aerospace Systems,

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an organization created by this guy, Robert Bigelow. I've seen so many crazy stories about him.

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Meet Robert Bigelow, a real estate developer who made his fortune building a chain of low-cost, an acronym for Bigelow Expandable Activity Minds.

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Those are the big dreams one local business owner has.

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Robert Bigelow is a billionaire, Las Vegas businessman. At one point he had more hotel rooms than the MGM grant here.

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Everybody knew Bob. He's more at home on the Vegas Strip than at America's Space Agency.

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Bob Bigelow is a very conservative Republican, so on political issues we didn't agree on much.

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But he was a self-made, multi-millionaire. He spent a number of years of his life being inquisitive of what this is all about,

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and he has the money to play around with it a little bit.

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Do you believe that UFOs have come to Earth?

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There has been and is an existing presence, an 18 presence.

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Now I spent millions and millions. I probably spent more as an individual than anybody else in the United States have ever spent on this subject.

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Robert Bigelow has been a really important figure for years and years on UFOs.

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He develops technology for traveling into space.

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You have these guys like Branson and Musk trying to tap into this commercialization of space travel and space exploration.

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It's a very small list of names. You can count Robert Bigelow up there as well.

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NASA has partnered with Robert Bigelow, who's an unconventional figure in the aerospace world.

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He's obsessed with aliens and UFOs.

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We did report in our 2017 article, Bigelow saying that he believed in aliens. I mean, he believes that.

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Do you believe in aliens?

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I'm absolutely convinced that's all there is to it.

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We felt it was only fair to give his full context because if we hadn't someone would say,

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yeah, Bigelow believes in aliens, you didn't mention that. So we said, yes, he's made statements in the past.

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You don't worry that some people will say that you hear that guy? Sounds like he's crazy.

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I don't care.

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Why not?

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It's not going to make a difference. It's not going to change reality of what I know.

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I know the guy and I know about Bass. I mean, Bob Bigelow announced it on my radio show.

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The mission for this company is to pursue exotic novel technologies.

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As you know, George, there's probably nothing more difficult that you could tackle than this kind of a problem.

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Bigelow has a very interesting history that predates the A-Tip story.

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The number of years before Bass, he made up his own UFO organization called NIDS,

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the National Institute for Discovery Science.

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1995, he puts this together and brings a number of really distinguished academics.

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A couple of guys who had worked for the CIA, there were two astronauts.

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The colonel who had done his own attempts to get to the bottom of the UFO mystery from inside the Pentagon.

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NIDS aimed to investigate claims of the paranormal, not only UFOs, but some other things.

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1995, Bigelow puts NIDS together, spoke to that first meeting in 1996, made a presentation,

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and my jaw is dropping and looking around the room at who these people were.

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That's when Skinwalker Ranch enters the picture.

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A lot of the stuff on Skinwalker Ranch is very, very difficult to understand.

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There have been things reported up there for generations.

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We know that Robert Bigelow wanted to investigate Skinwalker Ranch.

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That ranch is a 480-acre ranch that's located in northeastern Utah, in an area known as the Uinta Basin.

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Four decades now, that's where the NIDS is located.

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In fact, some of the legend dates back more than 15 generations into Native American lore,

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and they talk about a shape-shifting witch known as the Uinta Basin.

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And they talk about a shape-shifting witch known as the Skinwalker.

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The Native Americans, they wanted to avoid that area altogether because of what they were seeing in the sky and on the ground.

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In the mid-1990s, a family moved into the property.

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I spent quite a bit of time talking to Terry Sherman, and he was the owner.

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He and his wife and two children lived there.

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They operated the ranch, and they had a phenomenal diversity of encounters.

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Really strange stuff off the chart, strange. Balls of light.

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There's no flashes to it. It's just a solid light.

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The ground would shake.

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They would hear these disembodied voices speaking in languages they didn't understand.

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It's like a haunted house with UFOs.

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And then the animal mutilation started.

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The rancher, I think, had first felt that somebody was trying to drive him off the property.

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There was an article in a newspaper.

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A local newspaper had done a story about it, because the rancher was trying to figure out what the heck is going on.

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By the time that Bigelow hears about it, they were scared. They were so messed up.

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They'd been through psychological hell.

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They wanted out, so Bigelow went up, met with a family, and Bigelow offers to buy the property.

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Terry and I made a deal providing he would stay on, because I need somebody there.

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In addition, he had backyard literally, backyard knowledge.

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There was an episode with the ranch manager after Terry.

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I heard some other folks, some wonderful people.

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I was 32 years with the military in various forms.

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I spent most of the time in special operations, intelligence.

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I got to higher and higher levels in the government.

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I had met a number of people who were interested in UFOs.

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The opportunity came along for Bob to buy the ranch.

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I was with him the day he bought it, and it was the first one to spend a night up there.

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John Alexander is a counterintelligence guy. He's like an actual man in black guy.

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He's interested in these topics, and just wants to get to the bottom of it, like we all do.

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We set up NIDS, National Institute for Discovery Science, and started exploring it.

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The camera was 24-7 looking out at the events at the ranch.

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Just amazing phenomena that absolutely occur, totally beyond explanation.

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Frequently, things would happen just off camera, as if it knew where it was.

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Other things happened that should have been on camera there weren't.

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Very strange place.

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I'm not a UFO guy, I'm not a huge paranormal guy.

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I had just returned from a two-year tour in Iraq, so I didn't really know much about any of that.

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I got my first marching orders to go to Skinwalker Ranch.

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We were primed that we would be some sort of a paranormal investigative team

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and document these events that seemed to be taking place on the ranch.

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We were advised to document anything that was out of the ordinary, anything that seemed anomalous.

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I went out a lot by myself, taken a lot of pictures.

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I knew the ranch in the six years probably better than anybody else.

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From every cave there is, to the valleys, to the river area.

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There was constantly a feeling of being watched.

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Almost like a presence of something you couldn't see.

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The phenomena, whatever it was, absolutely in control.

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It seemed to know how we were going to respond before events occurred.

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It started slow by somebody just banging on the door or opening the door,

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and then you would go out and there's nobody there.

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For somebody it sounded like they had a stick and went around the metal skirting of the back

quarters 360.

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When you go out, there's nothing.

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But the crowning event was, it was about 10.30 at night, and I was writing a report.

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And I hear the front door being thrown open.

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You can clearly hear somebody behind me.

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You can not only hear it, but you can also feel the ground move.

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You could feel the vibration of the ground.

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And whatever thing that was, walked through the entire house, opened the back door,

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and then you could hear him walk down the stairs.

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You can see the stairs, it would really move.

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I stopped at some point trying to find a smoking gun.

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I just wanted to document as well as I could.

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Skinwalker Ranch, poltergeist activity, weird creatures, all in one area.

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We know about Robert Bigelow and his connection to Skinwalker Ranch,

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and he just happens to be the guy who was awarded the contract for OSAP,

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which turned into some kind of UFO research program.

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In July of 2007, a guy in Washington at the DIA, he's a physicist, a rocket scientist,

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writes a letter to Robert Bigelow, and he says,

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hey, I'm so-and-so, I work for the Defense Intelligence Agency,

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I've heard about the Skinwalker Ranch, I'd like to visit the property and see it for myself.

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Writes this letter to Bigelow, Bigelow gets it, he calls Harry Reid.

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One day, Bigelow called the police,

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one day Bigelow called me, he said, I got the damnest letter, I wanted you to see it.

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And so I read the letter, and I said, this is something I think is interesting,

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it came from a reliable source, I said I don't know the man, never heard of him.

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But I said, I will contact him, after meeting with him several times, I called Bigelow,

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and he said, I think you should give this guy permission to go to your Skinwalker Ranch.

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Bigelow invites the guy out, they fly together to the ranch,

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they're there for maybe hour, hour and a half, within 10, 15 minutes of being on the property,

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this guy has an experience, and it seems to have been tailor-made for him.

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Something appears in this room, and it's something that only he can see.

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He goes back to Washington, he meets with Reid again, tells him about it,

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Reid arranges a meeting in a skiff under the Capitol, a secure facility,

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and the scientist meets with Reid and Daniel Inouye and Ted Stevens,

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and they talk about, should we put some money together and study this?

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Short is one of the easiest cells I ever had to make,

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because Ted Stevens immediately said, good, when I was in the Army Air Corps,

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I went up one time, and there was a vehicle off to my left,

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and I would go up and down, and did everything he could to shake that object,

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and he asked the people on the ground, what was that?

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They said, we didn't see anything.

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So he said, I'm in favor of this.

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So that's where we got the \$22 million.

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Stevens said yes, Inouye said yes, Reid says yes, and it was a done deal.

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Signed it in September of 2008, and they were off to the races.

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Bigelow recruits scientists, private investigators, former cop and military folks,

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and then they start investigating cases.

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Boots on the ground, interview the witnesses, collect physical evidence,

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put it together in reports.

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And he hired out a whole lot of scientists and experts to work on various aspects of this issue,

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and papers were written by them.

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38 papers to look at aerospace and scientific breakthrough technologies 50 years in advance.

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Can we duplicate what we've seen UFOs do?

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Can we in 50 years create a plane that's invisible?

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Can we go through a wormhole?

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They put together a gigantic pile of information, 99% of which the public has not seen.

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So I released a couple of them.

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Detection and high resolution tracking vehicles at hypersonic velocities.

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This is by Dr. Bill Culbreth at UNLV.

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2009, that was pie in the sky, that's far off in the future.

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Now, we know in the last couple of months, Putin has boasted they've got hypersonic missiles.

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They cannot be stopped.

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Bill Culbreth writes the paper 11 years ago that says,

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here's what our capabilities are, we need to get started on this.

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There's no UFO that's mentioned in that report.

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But it is talking about objects that travel really fast, and how do we track them?

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You can see how that could be applied to the study of UFOs.

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That part of me is still on watch.

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I was a top gun graduate, senior air controller, had 18 years of sea time.

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This encounter profoundly affected me.

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I went through some really hard times because of it.

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I had changed, it changed me.

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And everyone around me noticed it.

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I started having nightmares of the eschatological type, like end of the world type nightmares, out of the blue.

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I didn't know what it was causing it, but it started to affect my work, it started to affect my marriage.

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I ended up losing everything I had.

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Your real view is shattered, and I thought maybe I was even going crazy.

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I had actually returned back to my hometown, back in Keeb-Jumpton, Oregon, and I was volunteering at the local golf course, working in the kitchen.

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It was December 17, 2017.

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CNN was on TV.

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He saw the object, waves breaking over, and says he saw something hovering above it.

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The story comes on, the tic-tac video.

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It looks like a 40 foot long tic-tac with no wings.

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Someone is going to be hard for me.

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That moment rocked me.

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They showed the same video that I had in 2004.

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I knew in that moment, I knew in that moment that I had to talk, I had to speak up.

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If you think about it, since 2004 to the present, the number of cases reported by Navy pilots and radar operators has definitely increased.

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Why?

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Are you angry at the government?

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No, not at all.

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I'm not angry with my government.

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I don't hate my government.

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I support my government.

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I don't hold anyone responsible for what happened to me personally.

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I don't have those feelings.

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Instead, what I do feel is I want to figure out what this thing is, and I think they want to be found.

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And we're going to go find them.

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I am totally in favor of doing all the exploration we can on the world beyond our world.

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We must remain curious.

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Intellectually, we need to do everything we can to try to figure things out.

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I know that people, when I got started in this, thought that I was going into an area I shouldn't have.

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What the hell is he doing on this?

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But as time has gone on, even my wife, who wondered why I was so involved in unidentified flying objects, said to me a few months ago,

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you're not looking so bad now.

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I am confident and I am cautiously optimistic that in the next year we are going to have a fundamentally different conversation than we're having today.

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I think there's going to be additional fidelity to a lot of the things that have come out recently that are going to help us have a better understanding of what it is we're actually seeing here.

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Throughout the decades, when it comes to the field of ufology, you see people at the top who are considered the leaders.

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Based on the New York Times article, Luis Elizondo is one of those people.

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The day it was released, I had filed multiple Freedom of Information Act requests to try and get more information from the Pentagon, from the Department of Defense.

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The Pentagon gave me a no records response to my original request.

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Now what's really strange about that is I gave them Mr. Elizondo's name and he said, no, we got nothing.

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So I started drilling down looking into Mr. Elizondo's background.

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He didn't have any background. There were very little things known about Mr. Elizondo as a person.

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Who was he? What was he really doing? Why is the Pentagon saying that is not what this program was? There was no UFO aspect to it.

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And then all of a sudden they said Mr. Elizondo had no assigned responsibilities on the A-Tip program.

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The guy that you've been seeing on the news and nearly every publication on the planet that we call Earth, he did not lead that program.

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What do you do with that? Who do you believe at that point?

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The Pentagon is a very important organization.

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We have a lot of people who are interested in the Pentagon.

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Thank you.